

would dare to go to bars that aren't their old favorites."

Occasionally she receives e-mail from lesbians who aren't interested in going to a bar because they don't think it's a good place to meet lesbians. "And I think, actually, on Saturday it is a good place to meet lesbians if dykes go to Dyke Night."

Dyke Night also takes over a coffeehouse Sunday afternoons. The moderator would like to ask that women don't call the designated locations to ask about Dyke Night, which is not organized through venues. To join the e-mail list, just write to dykenightportland@yahoo.com.

Since its inception in February, the Dyke Night Portland listserv has grown to 280 members. Considering the recent Lesbian Ball canceled at the last minute due to lack of interest and Venus Women's Dance Club won't return our calls, this smells like success.

Harmonize with Jamie Anderson

Women in Harmony is a fun and supportive retreat for women of all musical abilities July 26 to 28 at Camp Pleiades in the mountains near Asheville, N.C. Nationally touring musicians Judy Fjell, Elaine Townsend and lesbian Jamie Anderson are event teachers.

"The focus," Anderson says, "is on creating a musical community, but not as audience members—we are the music!"

With an emphasis on beginners and intermediates, the camp includes songwriting, guitar, improv, singing and dance workshops as well as song circles and jam sessions.

Cost is \$225-\$300 sliding scale if paid by June 28. Fee includes meals, all activities, cabin accommodations or tent space and full use of the beautiful grounds. For more information or to reg-



Jamie Anderson leads Women in Harmony July 26 to 28

ister, call 803-791-7606, write elainetownsendc@yahoo.com or visit www.jamieanderson.com.

Spend the night with Melissa

Lesbian singing goddess Melissa Etheridge brings her pain, suffering and guitar to the Gorge Amphitheatre 7 p.m. Sept. 1.

The venue is located in George, Wash., about 40 miles east of Ellensburg.

Tickets go on sale 9 a.m. May 18 at all Ticketmaster outlets and from 206-628-0888 or www.hob.com/gorge. They're a steep \$56.20-\$77.20 (plus applicable service charges!). And, attention lesbians: You can camp there for \$30 a night. ☐



Melissa: singin' for you in September

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On the air

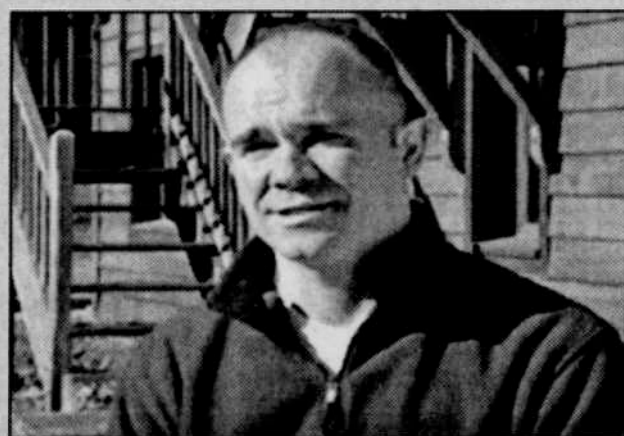
The next episode of queer news program *In the Life* airs May 21 on OPB. The show's theme, "Building Safe Havens," focuses on the effort individuals and organizations are making in building support networks for gay men and lesbians, including topics of domestic abuse, invasion of privacy and living with AIDS.

"Harmful Pursuit" reports on incidents of discrimination in the armed forces. The number of military personnel being discharged for allegedly being queer is at an alarming rate of three people a day, according to the military's own estimates, despite adoption of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

"When Abuse Hits Home" studies the 20 percent of gay and lesbian relationships in which domestic violence occurs. Interviewed is Rachel Baum, who claims "the incidents of domestic violence in the queer community are parallel to the incidents of domestic violence in the straight community."

In "Common Threads," *In the Life* visits the New York Youth Empowerment Program, which provides an opportunity for straight and gay youth to participate in a weekend retreat focusing on increasing safety and respect in their schools and communities.

Also in television news is the premiere of HBO's *The Young and the Dead*, what looks to



Queer youth advocate Jamie Nabozny, who won the first case against a school for failing to stop anti-gay abuse, will be interviewed on *In the Life*

be an amusingly promising presentation of the cable channel's "America Undercover Sundays."

The Hollywood Memorial Park Cemetery was about to shut down after burying the likes of Rudolph Valentino, Cecil B. DeMille and Janet Gaynor as well as other fabulous stars of yesteryear, until bold, young, gay entrepreneur Tyler Cassity stepped in to revive it.

The documentary chronicles how Cassity and his friends transformed a relic into a high-tech, hip and stylish burial ground—Hollywood Forever—taking a cheeky look at our culture's relationship with celebrity, mortality and the preservative power of the moving image.

The Young and the Dead shows May 19, 22 and 25 on HBO. It also plays May 20 and 24 on HBO2. ☐

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